

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In paragraph 6 of the subject office action, the Examiner stated that claims 15, 16, and 19 contained allowable subject matter. Accordingly, new claims 24, 25 and 26 have been drafted to include the substance of claims 15, 16 and 19, respectively. For instance, claim 24 includes the substance of claim 15, intervening claims 13, 9, 6 and base claim 1. Similarly, claim 25 includes previous claim 16, intervening claims 13, 9, 6 and base claim 1. New claim 26 includes the subject matter of claim 19 and base claim 1.

New claims 27 and 28 are method claims wherein independent method claim 22 have been amended to incorporate the distinctions set forth in original claims 15 and 16.

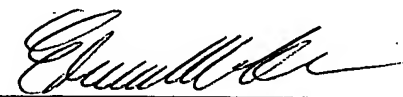
The remaining claims have been withdrawn from this application and are being made the subject of a separate divisional application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the examiner will now find this patent application in a position for allowance and its expeditious passage to same is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner disagree or have any questions, comments or suggestions that will render this application allowable, a call to the undersigned attorneys of record is invited.

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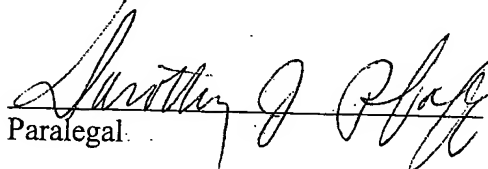
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